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SWITCHING PILOT SWITCHING VALVE

## **AMENDMENT UNDER EX PARTE QUAYLE PRACTICE**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants note with appreciation Examiner's allowance of claims 1-4 in the present application. In response to the Office Action dated May 31, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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